Multi-purpose National Broadcasting Policy

1635. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out a new Multi-purpose National Broadcasting Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Participation of Multinational Companies and Foreign Channels in India, Broadcasting Sector

†1636. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of participation of multinational companies and foreign channels in the Indian Broadcasting sector;

(b) the revenue being earned from this participation by the Indian Broadcasting sector;

(c) the conditions and norms laid down for foreign participation in the Indian Broadcasting sector; and

(d) whether Government are considering to adopt a liberal policy in view of the popularity of foreign channels and films?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Information relating to the percentage of foreign participation in the broadcasting sector and the revenue earned by such participation by the broadcasting sector is not centrally available with the Ministry of I&B. The

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